Dr. Kurt Ruetzler practices as a staff anesthesiologist at Cleveland Clinic, Main Campus and is an associate professor of Anesthesiology at Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. He is the anesthesiology section head of Vascular- and Neurointerventional Radiology. He is board certified in Anesthesiology, Intensive Care Medicine, and Emergency Medicine.

He obtained his medical degree from the Medical University of Vienna, Austria. He completed his residency in Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine at the Department of Cardiothoracic Anesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine at the Medical University of Vienna, Austria. In 2012 Dr. Ruetzler joined the faculty at the Institute of Anesthesiology at the University Hospital of the University of Zurich, Switzerland. In 2015, Dr. Ruetzler joined the professional staff at the Cleveland Clinic, Main Campus, Cleveland OH, where he holds a dual appointment in the Departments of General Anesthesiology and Outcomes Research.

Over the last decade, Dr. Ruetzler has been involved in several major clinical trials, which have been published in the most prestigious journals including New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, JAMA, Anesthesiology and Circulation. Extensively funded by national and international entities, Dr. Ruetzler published nearly 200 peer-reviewed publications. His research focuses on perioperative Outcomes Research including perioperative cardiac morbidity and mortality, Airway Management, and Thermoregulation.

He serves on several editorial boards, including section editor on the Journal of Clinical Anesthesia, and is a peer-reviewer of multiple prestigious journals. Dr. Ruetzler further serves on several national and international scientific societies including the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and American Heart Association (AHA), where he serves on the leadership team of the 3 CPR council. In 2020 Dr. Ruetzler's contribution to science was recognized by the AHA and named him a fellow of the AHA, a prestigious honor.